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Application of:  
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Serial No.: 09/966,890

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
GENERATING A STRONG RANDOM  
NUMBER FOR USE IN A SECURITY  
SUBSYSTEM FOR A PROCESSOR-  
BASED DEVICE

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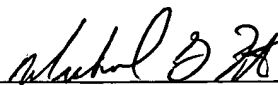
Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending and co-owned applications: "Method and Apparatus to Provide Enhanced Computer Protection," Application Serial No.: 09/540,697, filed March 31, 2000, "Method and Apparatus for Providing Enhanced Computer Security," Application Serial No.: 09/540,812, filed March 31, 2000, and "Computer System Having Security Features," Application Serial No.: 09/540,811, filed March 31, 2000.

Furthermore, the references listed on the attached Form 1449 are not to be construed as an admission that these references qualify as prior art as to the above-referenced application or any related application. Rather, these references are being presented for the Examiner's consideration without prejudice to Applicant's right to demonstrate that any of these references do not qualify as prior art should the Examiner choose to apply any of these references.

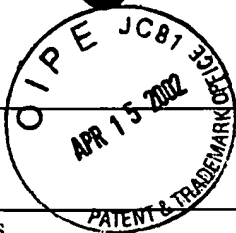
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Respectfully submitted,

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	A	Angelo et al., "Method and Apparatus to Provide Enhanced Computer Protection," Application Serial Number: 09/540,697, filed March 31, 2000.
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